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LB 416, 417

(introduces teachers). Please help me recognize them to the Nebraska Legislature. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 416. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close. Senator Janssen waives closing. The question before us is the advancement of LB 416. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 416.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 416 is advanced. LB 417.

CLERK: (LB) 417, Mr. President, by Senator Janssen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on LB 417.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. LB 417 eliminates the obligation of certain categories of public officials and public employees to file statements of financial interest. The rationale behind this change is simple. Paperwork should not be filed simply for the sake of filing paperwork. It should serve some useful public purpose. If a useful public purpose cannot be articulated, the requirement should be dropped. LB 417 eliminates the obligation of the following to file a statement of financial interest. The first one is the student members of the Board of Regents, members of any board or commissions of the state or a county which examines or licenses a business, trade or profession, or which determines rates for or otherwise regulate a business and officials of and employees of the state who are responsible for inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing any purpose. Some of those boards, for instance, are barbers, cosmetologists, nurses, insurance boards, accountant boards, and so on and so forth. The list goes on. It's the experience of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission that the statements filed by these categories of officials or employees are rarely, if ever, inspected by members of the public or the press. Therefore, the results of eliminating this requirement as to the